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May 2008

MILWAUKEE'S SUMMERTIME EAST-SIDE FESTIVALS

PRIDEFEST – June 6th - 8th at Henry Maier Festival Park
June 6: 5pm-Midnight, June 7 & 8: 11am-Midnight.
For more information call (414) 272-3378, or visit www.pridefest.com.

ASIAN MOON FESTIVAL – No festival this year.

POLISH FEST – June 20th – 22nd at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
Enjoy 50¢ admission on Friday from 12-5pm, and \$5 after 5pm. Enjoy FREE admission on Saturday from 8pm-Midnight with a 3 or more food item donation to the Hunger Task Force. Enjoy \$4 admission on Sunday after attending the 10:15am Polish Fest mass. Enjoy FREE admission on Sunday from 2-4pm by showing your Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Press Card. For more information call (414) 529-2140 or visit www.polishfest.org or e-mail at info@polishfest.org

SUMMERFEST – June 26th - July 6th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
For more information on special and free admission opportunities call (414) 273-2680 or visit www.summerfest.com

BASTILLE DAYS - July 10th - 13th Cathedral Square Park & Surrounding Streets
FREE French festival. Festival hours are Thurs., Friday and Saturday- 11am to midnight, Sunday 11am to 9pm
For more information call (414) 271-1416 or visit www.easttown.com.

FESTA ITALIANA – July 17th – 20th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission by ticket for persons with disabilities and an escort Thursday 11am to 2pm For tickets, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: VIP Day, Festa Italiana, 631 E. Chicago, Milwaukee, WI 53202. For more information call (414) 223-2193 or visit www.festaitaliana.com

GERMAN FEST – July 24th – 27th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission at any gate on Thursday from 5-10pm for all who attend. FREE admission at any gate Friday from 3-5pm for persons with physical disabilities and an

escort. Kids 12 and under free with adult. For more information call (414) 464-9444 or visit www.germanfest.com or e-mail at info@germanfest.com

AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL – August 1st - 3rd at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
For more information visit www.africanworldfestival.com

ARAB WORLD FEST – August 8th - 10th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission to everyone on Friday from 5-6pm. FREE admission on Saturday from 12-1pm for people with disabilities or those over age 60. FREE admission on Sunday from 12-2pm for people with disabilities or those over age 60. For more information visit www.arabworldfest.com .

IRISH FEST – August 14th - 17th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission on Thursday from 5-10pm with a donation of school supplies. FREE admission on Friday from 4-5pm. Sunday – donate non-perishable food items PRIOR to the 9:30am mass for FREE admission to the festival AFTER the mass. For information call 414-476-3378 or visit our web site at www.irishfest.com

MEXICAN FIESTA – August 22nd - 24th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission to everyone on Friday 12-3pm. FREE admission to senior citizens and people with disabilities on Saturday & Sunday from 12-1pm. For more information call (414) 383-7066 or visit www.mexicanfiesta.org or e-mail to fiesta@mexicanfiesta.org .

LABOR FEST – September 1st at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE festival. For more information call (414) 771-7070.

INDIAN SUMMER – September 5th - 7th at Henry W. Maier Festival Park
FREE admission for persons with disabilities and a companion on Friday from 4pm to midnight. FREE admission to everyone following the non-denominational prayer ceremony on Sunday at 10am. For more information call (414) 604-1000 or www.indiansummer.org or e-mail at indiansummer@wi.rr.com

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DIGITAL TV INFORMATION

As you may know, your television broadcast will be changing from analog to digital on February 17, 2009. As a result, you will need a digital television or a DTV converter box in order to view TV after February 17, 2009. To find out more about the conversion, requirements, coupons, etc. visit www.dtv.gov.

2008 WIL-O-WAY SUMMER CAMP Applications Available!

Easter Seals Kindcare and Milwaukee County Office for Person's with Disabilities are proud to announce the 2008 Wil-O-Way and Respite Camp applications are available now for download at www.eastersealskindcaresewi.com or call 414-482-0133 for a mailed copy. New this summer we are featuring an inclusive camp setting at our Holler Park Location. Holler Park features a heated outdoor swimming pool for daily swimming, indoor and outdoor program areas, weekly field trips and visits from special instructors who teach Yoga and Pet Therapy. For more information about this camp opportunity, please contact Jessie at 414-482-0133.

SUMMER CAMP JOBS AVAILABLE!!!

Are you looking for a rewarding summer job? Easter Seals Kindcare is now hiring staff for our 2008 Summer Camp season. If you have a love for the outdoors and all the other great things about summer as well as the desire for a unique employment experience, please contact Tracey Ralenkotter at 414-482-0133 or visit the website at www.eastersealskindcaresewi.com. Available positions include Camp Leaders, Camp Site Supervisors, CNA's, LPN's, Pool Maintenance/Grounds Personnel and Behavior Specialists.

VOLUNTEER!!!

Individuals with disabilities can get involved in their community and receive assistance with transportation costs at the same time by volunteering through the D.O.O.R.S. Initiative at the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee! There are a number of different opportunities available. For more information on the D.O.O.R.S. Initiative, please contact Lisa Anderson @ (414) 344-

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HAPPENINGS @ BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Growing Gardeners / Green Thumbs (Ages 3 - 5 / 6 - 8)

Sunflowers - A Handful of Sunshine - May 10 and 12
Explore the world of sunflowers. Create your own sunflower picture. Plant sunflower seeds to take home and grow.

Cost: \$12.50 per child. No refunds or substitutions. Programs begin at 10:30 am and are one hour. Classes are held in the Boerner Botanical Gardens Education and Visitor Center. Class consists of a botanical theme, hands-on projects and a snack. Most classes involve some "messy" work so children should wear clothing that is appropriate. Classes are designed for adult(s) to attend with their child(ren). Class sizes are limited, pre-registration is required.

Call or e-mail to register: Phone: 414-525-5675, Email: scheduling@fbbg.org

SAIL AWAY Limited Space Remains!

There are very few spaces left for the 6 "Sail" dates scheduled for this summer. We are taking names for the waiting list. If you are interested in sailing this summer, please contact us as soon as possible. Reservations are taken on a first come first served basis.

For questions or to sign up, please call Bridget at 414-278-3938 or email bbannon@milwcnty.com

LOOKING FOR A HALL?

Are you looking for a hall for your next function? Would you like to rent a beautiful hall in a woodsy setting near you? If you answered yes, please use the link below (or call Bridget @ 414-278-3938) to check out the Wil-O-Way Grant and Wil-O-Way Underwood facilities. They may be just what you're looking for. But hurry, the 2008 calendar is filling up fast.

<http://county.milwaukee.org/FacilityRentals7997.htm>

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ACCESS PROGRAMS

Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Theater that Transcends the Senses

Milwaukee Repertory Theater announces Access Programs for the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater production of ARMADALE.

To accommodate patrons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing:

Sign Language performances. One performance of each Quadracci Powerhouse Theater and Stiemke Theater production is interpreted in American Sign Language. Order your tickets by calling The Rep Ticket Office at 414-224-9490 and inform them that you need to sit in the interpreted section.

ARMADALE, Thursday, May 22, 2008, 7:30 PM

Captioned Theater involves lines from the script running concurrently with the actors' lines are projected on the house left wall of the theater. When ordering your ticket, please alert the Ticket Office that you would like to sit in the Captioned section. This is perfect for those with a slight to a profound hearing loss.

ARMADALE, Sunday, May 25, 2008, 2:00 PM

To accommodate patrons who are visually impaired:

Audio Description is a concise narration of the key visual elements of a theatrical performance. Descriptions are woven in between lines of dialogue enabling people who are blind or have a low vision to follow the action. Using a headset attached to a small hand-held receiver, patrons hear a live, real-time description of the action on stage. Call William Newcomb at (414) 290-0717 to reserve your receiver.

ARMADALE, Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 7:30 PM

Throughout the run of any Milwaukee Repertory Theater productions, general Access Programs offered include: written script synopsis, audio script synopsis, large print programs, infrared listening system, and wheelchair accessibility. For more information on any of these programs, please call William Newcomb at 414-290-0717.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Some Improvement in Long-Range Financing Outlook but Deficits Continue

The Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the financial health of the Social Security Trust Funds. While the key dates for program costs exceeding tax revenues and Trust Fund exhaustion remain unchanged, the 2008 Trustees Report shows improvement in the projected long-term financial status of the Social Security program from last year.

In the 2008 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

The projected point at which tax revenues will fall below program costs comes in 2017 -- the same as the estimate in last year's report.

The projected point at which the Trust Funds will be exhausted comes in 2041 -- the same as the estimate in last year's report.

The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 1.70 percent of taxable payroll -- down from 1.95 percent in last year's report.

Over the 75-year period, the Trust Funds would require additional revenue equivalent to \$4.3 trillion in today's dollars to pay all scheduled benefits.

Social Security paid benefits of \$585 billion in calendar year 2007. There were almost 50 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.

"Social Security is at a crossroads. We face enormous challenges to shore up the system," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "I will continue to work with President Bush, Congress and our stakeholders to develop policy solutions. I also look forward to working with the next administration, since the challenges that face the Social Security system will undoubtedly require a bipartisan and multi-year effort."

The 2008 Trustees Report will be posted at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/TR08/.

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A NEW WAY TO APPLY FOR MEDICAL AND NUTRITION BENEFITS

If you have always gone to the Coggs Center at 1220 W. Vliet St. or the Robles Center at 1673 S. 9th St. to apply for and maintain your FoodShare, Medicaid, BadgerCare, or SeniorCare benefits, you may never need to visit those offices again.

On April 1, the Economic Support Division – the Milwaukee County agency that administers these and other income assistance programs – made major changes in the way it serves you.

First, you can now conduct all transactions for these programs **using the Internet**. The State's ACCESS website – www.access.wisconsin.gov -- lets you apply, make changes to your case, or get current information about your case at anytime on any computer.

Second, all required interviews can now be conducted **by phone**. Moreover, **an agency worker will call you** at the phone number and at the date and time you specify. You can still do a face-to-face interview with a worker if you choose. Either way, you will be notified by letter confirming the date and time of your interview. (Persons needing childcare must still interview in person.)

And third, you can get current information about your case any time on the division's 24-hour automated Self Service Line at **414-289-6000**. You are encouraged to call this number at nights and weekends to avoid busy signals common during weekday hours.

Persons who are elderly, blind, or disabled have always been able to apply by mail or by phone and to do the interviews by phone, but only after first obtaining a waiver. Now that opportunity is available to everyone regardless of status and without a waiver. Call **414-649-3080** weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to apply by mail or by phone.

Applying online at www.access.wisconsin.gov is simple and easy and can be done on your computer at home or work, at any library, or at several community health clinics and service agencies. Computers are also available for public use at the Coggs and Robles

Centers. Your secret password restricts access to your case file. A friend, family member, or guardian can also apply on your behalf.

Whether you apply online, by mail using a paper application, or register in person at Coggs or Robles, FoodShare and other programs require you to be interviewed by a worker to confirm your application information, and to update your case annually thereafter. Your ACCESS application will ask you to specify your contact number. If you move or get a new number it is important you update your case file quickly. You can do it on ACCESS even if you applied using another method. The division will be unable to serve you if it cannot contact you.

Persons with a visual or physical disability may prefer a phone interview rather than traveling to Coggs or Robles. But a person who is deaf or hearing-impaired will need to make a choice. If you have a TTY, the division can interview you using the 711 line. But if you do not have a TTY or you are uncomfortable communicating in writing, you may prefer to do an in-person interview using a sign language interpreter that the division will provide.

If you apply in person or by calling 414-649-3080 using 711, be sure to specify whether you want the interview in-person or by phone. If you apply online, ACCESS will also give you that option. ACCESS will also ask if you are deaf and how you prefer to be contacted. If you do not say and list no phone number, an in-person interview will be scheduled for you.

All in-person application interviews will only be done at Robles, while annual review interviews will be done only at Coggs. All other services continue at Coggs as before.

Applications and case updates will still require you to submit documentation verifying information. That can be placed in a drop box at the Coggs Center, mailed to the Verification Center at 1220 W. Vliet St., 53205, or faxed to **414-289-7820**.

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11 STL 1:05	12 STL 7:05	13 LAD 7:05	14 LAD 7:05	15 LAD 12:05	16 @bos(i) 6:05	17 @bos(i) 2:55
18 @bos(i) 12:35	19	20 @pit 6:05	21 @pit 6:05	22 @pit 6:05	23 @wsh 6:35	24 @wsh 6:10
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Contact zechzer@dishmail.net or 920-261-0246/920-285-2395

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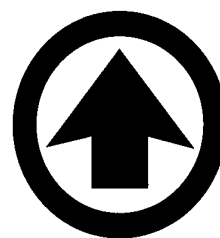
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Milwaukee County - Department of Health & Human Services

2008 SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Classes held at Marcia P. Coggs Human Service Center: 1220 W. Vliet Street, in Room 104, ENTRANCE THROUGH BACK DOOR.

Parents can attend for FREE! See payment instructions below. If you have questions, call Ann or Barbara at **414-289-6558**.

DATE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
May 7 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Caring for Yourself: How Childcare Professionals can avoid stress Dr. Maureen Keyes, UW-Milwaukee	Caring for children can be stressful. Learn how to keep a positive attitude and to take care of yourself to optimize your abilities on the job.
May 10 9:30am - 11:30am	Autism Spectrum Disorder Jennifer Piette, Autism Consultant	Learn more about Autism and the various spectrum disorders. Learn best practices in caring for a child with this disorder.
May 14 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Recognizing Communication and Language Disorders in Child Care Dr. Paula Rhyner, UW- Milwaukee	A focus on identifying children within childcare settings who may be having difficulties in speech/language development and strategies providers can use to foster communication and language skills will be discussed. Suggestions given for approaching parents to raise concerns
June 4 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Sensory Integration Terri Enters, Lutheran Social Services, Birth to three	What is sensory Integration? Learn how a lack of sensory integration through touch, sound, and movement can lead to behavior problems and difficulty with coordination. Learn techniques to avoid behavior challenges
June 7 9:30am - 11:30am	Understanding Spina Bifida Katherine Krahling Spina Bifida Association	What is Spina Bifida? Learn the most common types of SB, how Folic Acid factors into the disorder along with Latex precautions, allergies and other therapies.
June 11 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Using your Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Vanessa Llanas, Children's Hospital, S.E. Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs	What is the Regional Center and how is it a resource to me? Staff from the Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) will discuss services they provide to families of children with special needs in Southeast Wisconsin. They promote the Medical Home concept and how parents can work with their health care providers to build a partnership and promote continuity of care.
July 16 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Understanding Diabetes Debra Walton, Visiting Nurse Association	Learn about Diabetes and the effects on children in your care. Discuss how to include children coping with this disorder.
July 19 9:30am - 11:30am	Music Therapy, Making Music Work For You! John Hartman, Milwaukee Center for Independence	Learn specifics on how to use music to get the responses you want and to increase communication, socialization and to engage people in movement. This engaging and interactive presentation will explore how music works to achieve these goals.
July 23 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Understanding ADHD and Co-Existing Disorders Dr. Maureen Keyes, UW-Milwaukee	Learn about ADHD and how different techniques can improve your ability to care successfully for young children coping with this disorder.
August 13 5:45pm - 7:45pm	T.I.P.S to Prevent "Flat Head" In Infants Micki Klaves of Children's Hospital	Learn about Tummy time, Infant equipment, Positioning an infant, and the importance of Starting right away to avoid Positional Plagiocephaly or flat head for infants
August 20 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Using Play to Develop Speech and Language Amanda Dobberstein, Easter Seals Kindcare	Learn techniques that focus on playtime to encourage children to develop speech and language skills. Discover play strategies to assist child development.

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Pre-registration fee is \$10.00/Late payment fee is \$15.00. Mail fee and completed form to: Coggs Center Business Office: 1220 W. Vliet Street, Milw. WI 53205. Accepted forms of payment: money order or certified bank check made out to DHHS. NO PERSONAL CHECKS. The Business Office will accept cash from 7:30am-4:00pm. The fees for each class are non-refundable/non-transferable unless class cancels. No payments accepted at class.

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Child care name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address to mail certificate: _____ Zip: _____

Last 5 digits of Social Security # _____ **Date of Birth** ____/____/____

I am a Parent/family member of a child with special needs attending for free (do not receive a certificate): YES ☐

I am an Employee: _____ I am an Owner: _____ PROVIDER # _____

CLASS NAMES:

DATES:

Need interpreter or special accommodation: Yes____ No____ Type: _____

Necesito interprete en Espanol: Si____ No____ Pide 3 dias antes para un interprete.

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*Go to website for class updates and registration forms: **www.milwaukee.gov/sncc**



Assistive Technology Resource Fair & Medical Equipment Recycling Drive

State Fair Expo Center

May 16-17, 2008

Join us for a two-day resource fair highlighting the wide variety of assistive devices (AT) that can make your life easier! Highlights:

- local and regional **Assistive Technology Vendors**
- informative **Workshops** on a range of AT devices, held on May 16
- A “suggest an invention” opportunity
- **Used Medical Equipment Drive:** Wheelchair Recycling Program
- **Used Hearing Aid & Glasses Drive:** Lion’s Club
- **Cell Phone Recycling Drive:** MMDI:ACCESS to benefit domestic violence agencies

May 16 Workshops (Sessions Run Concurrently):

- 10:00 AM: Seating & Mobility Session; Digital Technology – Cognitive & Literacy devices Session
- 11:00 AM: Adaptive Transportation Session; Wisconsin’s Assistive Technology Resources Session
- 1:00 PM: WisLoan and Telework Session; Wisconsin Relay Service Session
- 2:00 PM Work Smart – Solutions for the Workplace Session; Resources for Hearing Loss Session
- 3:00 PM: Live Smart – Solutions for Daily Living Session; Resources for Vision Loss Session

For more information on this event or to request an accommodation for the May 16 Workshops, contact Cindi Pichler at IndependenceFirst, 414-291-7520 V/TTY or cpichler@independencefirst.org . Accommodation requests must be submitted by May 2.

THIS IS A FRAGRANCE FREE EVENT

Event Sponsors

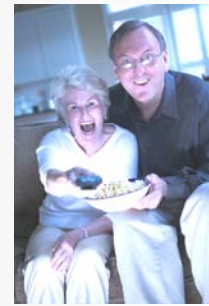


Recycling Opportunities



Digital Television Transition: February 17, 2009

Are You Ready?



What Is The DTV Transition?

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV (DTV) formats. After February 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will only broadcast in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

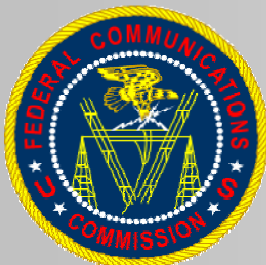
Why Are We Switching?

Federal law requires the switch, which will free up frequencies for police, fire, and emergency rescue communications, allow broadcasters to offer programming with better picture and sound quality and offer more programming choices, and allow for commercial advanced wireless services.

What Should I Do To Be Ready?

You have three choices:

- 1) **Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box.** Digital-to-analog converter boxes will be in stores in 2008 and will have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help consumers pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government will be offering two \$40 coupons per household. You will be able to request the coupons beginning in January of 2008. For more information on the coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY). Your current broadcast antenna should work for digital broadcasts. **Or**
- 2) **Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner).** Remember that you do not need to buy a High Definition TV (HDTV) to enjoy digital broadcast television. Plus, your current broadcast antenna should work for digital broadcasts. **Or**
- 3) **Subscribe to a paid TV service.** If you subscribe to a paid service such as cable or satellite TV, you should contact your provider to see what, if any, equipment you may need. Remember that you will need a digital-to-analog converter box for any analog TV in your home not connected to your paid TV service.



For More Information:
1-888-CALL-FCC (Voice)
1-888-TELL-FCC (TTY)
Visit: www.dtv.gov



Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Family Learning Vacation 2008

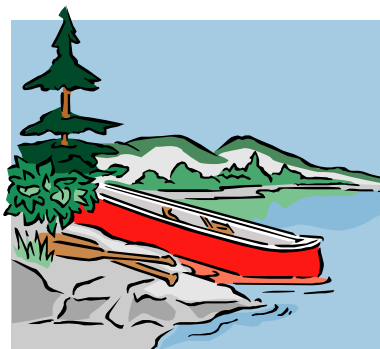
Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 17, 2008
at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet and spend time with families with d/Deaf or hard of hearing children from all over the state. At Family Learning Vacation, you'll enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship and interesting workshops. Share experiences, participate in informative programs and have a great time exploring the beautiful Wisconsin Lions Camp, located near Stevens Point, which features 400 acres of forests, trails, native wildlife and a private lake—the perfect setting for a family vacation.

Learning ☆ Encouragement ☆ Inspiration ☆ Fun

- Enjoy family togetherness - swimming, boating, hayrides, campfires and more
- Meet other families with d/Deaf or hard of hearing children
- Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones
- Informative workshops designed just for families with d/Deaf and hard of hearing children
- Adult social time
- Crafts and games just for the kids
- And so much more!



✂ Complete the form below to be sure to receive your FLV Registration Packet!

☐ **Yes!** Please send me information about attending Family Learning Vacation 2008.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____ E-Mail: _____

For more information, contact: CDHH ♦ 10243 W. National Avenue ♦ West Allis, WI 53227
414-604-2200 V ♦ 888-742-7651 TTY ♦ E-Mail: kmalak@cdhh.org ♦ Website: www.cdhh.org
Registration packets will be available approximately May 1.



Internal Revenue Service

United States Department of the Treasury

You Still Can File To Receive Stimulus Payment

This year, there are millions of people who are not required to file a tax return but who must file a 2007 income tax return to let the IRS know they are eligible for a stimulus payment. Those are people who have no tax liability but who have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income.

The \$3,000 in qualifying income, for those who have no tax liability, must come from one or a combination of these sources: earned income (wages, tips, salary) nontaxable combat pay and certain benefits from Social Security, Veterans Affairs and Railroad Retirement. Interest income, capital gains or Supplemental Security Income payments do not qualify as income.

People who do not have a filing requirement this year, but qualify to receive the economic stimulus payment have until October 15, 2008 to file and still receive the payment. Those **without a filing requirement** who did not make the April 15 deadline, will automatically have until October 15 to file a tax return solely to receive an economic stimulus payment. You do not have to file a Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to be granted an extension. However, you must file by October 15 so the IRS can process your return and issue a stimulus payment before the end of the year.

A few extra tips for people who are not required to file a tax return but are eligible for the stimulus payment:

- **Use Free File:** IRS Free File is a public-private partnership with 19 tax software companies that make their tax preparation software and electronic filing available for free to certain taxpayers. Anyone with an adjusted gross income of \$54,000 or less, and that's 97 million taxpayers, is eligible to use Free File, available only through www.irs.gov.
- **Use IRS e-file:** If you don't qualify for IRS Free File, you should still file your tax return electronically. Taxpayers can use IRS e-file through paid preparers or over-the-counter software. It's the fastest way to process your tax return, which means it's the quickest way for you to receive your refund and your economic stimulus payment.
- **Use direct deposit:** It's the best way to receive your refund and your economic stimulus payment. Complete the blanks for direct deposit and, if you are eligible, the IRS will transmit your stimulus payment electronically. The IRS will begin making stimulus payments into direct deposit accounts on May 2. The agency will mail paper checks starting May 16 and continue through December 31.
- **Avoid Scams:** If you receive unsolicited email or telephone calls from anyone purporting to be from the IRS, it's probably a scam. Don't click on any links; don't answer any questions. Forward the emails or report the calls to phishing@irs.gov.
- **Package Form 1040A-3:** This also includes tax tips, a sample Form 1040A and a blank Form 1040A that can be completed and mailed to the IRS. Filing a paper return? You must write "Stimulus Payment" at the top of the Form 1040A.
- **Need more time:** If you did not make the April 15 deadline, you automatically have until October 15 to file a tax return **solely to receive an economic stimulus payment**. You do not have to file a Form 4868, **Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return**, to be granted an extension. However, you must file by October 15 so the IRS can process your return and issue a stimulus payment before the end of the year.

Suspicious e-Mails and Identity Theft

The Internal Revenue Service has issued several recent consumer warnings on the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scamsters trying to gain access to consumers' financial information in order to steal their identity and assets. When identity theft takes place over the Internet, it is called phishing.

Suspicious e-Mail/Phishing

Phishing (as in "fishing for information" and "hooking" victims) is a scam where Internet fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity. Current scams include phony e-mails which claim to come from the IRS and which lure the victims into the scam by telling them that they are due a tax refund.

You Can Help Shut Down Phishing Schemes

The good news is that you can help shut down these schemes and prevent others from being victimized. If you receive a suspicious e-mail that claims to come from the IRS, you can relay that e-mail to a new IRS mailbox, phishing@irs.gov. Follow instructions in the link below for sending the bogus e-mail to ensure that it retains critical elements found in the original e-mail. The IRS can use the information, URLs and links in the suspicious e-mails you send to trace the hosting Web site and alert authorities to help shut down the fraudulent sites. Unfortunately, due to the expected volume, the IRS will not be able to acknowledge receipt or respond to you.

- phishing@irs.gov
- [Instructions for submitting phishing e-mails to IRS](#)
- [IR-2006-49](#), IRS Establishes e-Mail Box for Taxpayers to Report Phony e-Mails

Identity Theft

Identity theft can be committed through e-mail (phishing) or other means, such as regular mail, fax or telephone, or even by going through someone's trash.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number or other identifying information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. Typically, identity thieves use someone's personal data to empty the victim's financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name, file fraudulent tax returns or even commit crimes. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years — and their hard-earned money — cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities, be refused loans, education, housing or cars, or even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit.

- [Identity Theft Companion Learning Guide](#) , What Law Enforcement is Doing to Stop the Thieves
- [Identity Theft and Your Tax Records](#)
- [Social Security announces public warning of identity theft e-mail scam](#)

Recent Schemes

When the IRS learns about schemes involving use of the IRS name, it tries to alert consumers as well as authorities that can shut down the scheme, if possible. The most recent schemes are listed below.

- Some people have received phone calls about the economic stimulus payments, in which the caller impersonates an IRS employee. The caller asks the taxpayer for their Social Security and bank account numbers, claiming that the IRS needs the information to complete the processing of the taxpayer's stimulus payment. In reality, the IRS uses the information contained on the taxpayer's tax return to process stimulus payments, rather than contacting taxpayers by phone or e-mail. *[Added April 21, 2008.]*
- An e-mail claiming to come from the IRS about the "2008 Economic Stimulus Refund" tell recipients to click on a link to fill out a form, apparently for direct deposit of the payment into their bank account. This appears to be an identity theft scheme to obtain recipients' personal and financial information so the scammers can clean out their

victims' financial accounts. In reality, taxpayers do not have to fill out a separate form to get a stimulus payment or have it directly deposited; all they had to do was file a tax return and include direct deposit information on the return. *[Added April 21, 2008.]*

- A scheme in which a tax refund form is e-mailed, supposedly by the Taxpayer Advocate Service (a genuine and independent organization within the IRS which assists taxpayers with unresolved problems), is particularly blatant in the amount and type of information it requests. The top of the form tells the recipient that they are eligible for a tax refund for a specified amount. The form asks for name, address and phone number and a substantial amount of financial information, such as bank account number, credit card number and expiration date, ATM PIN number and more. It also asks for mother's maiden name (frequently used by many people as an account security password). At the bottom is a phony name and signature, claiming to be that of the Taxpayer Advocate. The implication is that the taxpayer must fill in and submit the form to receive a tax refund. In reality, taxpayers claim their tax refunds through the filing of an annual tax return, not a separate application form. *[Added April 9, 2008.]*
- A new variation of the refund scheme (see items below) is directed toward organizations that distribute funds to other organizations or individuals. In an attempt to seem legitimate, the scam e-mail claims to be sent by, and contains the name and supposed signature of, the Director of the IRS Exempt Organizations area of the IRS. The e-mail asks recipients to click on a link to access a form for a tax refund. In reality, taxpayers claim their tax refunds through the filing of an annual tax return, not a separate application form.
- In a variation, an e-mail scam claims to come from the IRS and the Taxpayer Advocate Service (a genuine and independent organization within the IRS whose employees assist taxpayers with unresolved tax problems). The e-mail says that the recipient is eligible for a tax refund and directs the recipient to click on a link that leads to a fake IRS Web site.
- A scam e-mail that appears to be a solicitation from the IRS and the U.S. government for charitable contributions to victims of the recent Southern California wildfires has been making the rounds. A link in the e-mail, when clicked, sends the e-mail recipients to a Web site that looks like the IRS Web site, but isn't. They are then directed to click on a link that opens a donation form that asks for personal and financial information. The scammers can use that information to gain access to the e-mail recipients' financial accounts.
- A recent e-mail scam tells taxpayers that the IRS has calculated their "fiscal activity" and that they are eligible to receive a tax refund of a certain amount. Taxpayers receive a page of, or are sent to, a Web site (titled "Get Your Tax Refund!") that copies the appearance of the genuine "Where's My Refund?" interactive page on the genuine IRS Web site. Like the real "Where's My Refund?" page, taxpayers are asked to enter their SSNs and filing status. However, the phony Web page asks taxpayers to enter their credit card account numbers instead of the exact amount of refund as shown on their tax return, as the real "Where's My Refund?" page does.
- In a new phishing scam, an e-mail purporting to come from the IRS advises taxpayers they can receive \$80 by filling out an online customer satisfaction survey. In addition to standard customer satisfaction survey questions, the survey requests the name and phone number of the participant and also asks for credit card information.
- In another recent scam, consumers have received a "Tax Avoidance Investigation" e-mail claiming to come from the IRS' "Fraud Department" in which the recipient is asked to complete an "investigation form," for which there is a link contained in the e-mail, because of possible fraud that the recipient committed. It is believed that clicking on the link may activate a Trojan Horse.
- An e-mail scheme claiming to come from the IRS's Criminal Investigation division tells the recipient that they are under a criminal probe for submitting a false tax return to the California Franchise Board. The e-mail seeks to entice people to click on a link or open an attachment to learn more information about the complaint against them. The e-mail link and attachment contain a Trojan Horse that can take over the person's computer hard drive and allow someone to have remote access to the computer.
- Another scheme suggests that a customer has filed a complaint against a company, of which the e-mail recipient is a member, and that the IRS can act as an arbitrator. This appears to be aimed at business as well as individual taxpayers.
- One e-mail scam, fraught with grammatical errors and typos, looks like a page from the IRS Web site and claims to be from the "IRS Antifraud Comission" (sic), a fictitious group. The e-mail claims someone has enrolled the taxpayer's credit card in EFTPS and has tried to pay taxes with it. The e-mail also says there have been fraud attempts involving the taxpayer's bank account. The e-mail claims money was lost and "remaining founds" (sic) are blocked. Recipients are asked to click on a link that will help them recover their funds, but the subsequent site asks for personal information that the thieves could use to steal the taxpayer's identity.

- E-mails claiming to come from tax-refunds@irs.gov, admin@irs.gov and similar variations told the recipients that they were eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount. It directed recipients to claim the refund by using a link contained in the e-mail which sent the recipient to a Web site. The site, a copy of the IRS Web site, displayed an interactive page similar to a genuine IRS one; however, it had been modified to ask for personal and financial information that the genuine IRS interactive page does not require.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has found numerous separate Web sites in at least 20 different countries hosting variations on this scheme.

- A bogus IRS letter and Form W-8BEN (Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding) asked non-residents to provide personal information such as account numbers, PINs, mother's maiden name and passport number. The legitimate IRS Form W-8BEN, which is used by financial institutions to establish appropriate tax withholding for foreign individuals, does not ask for any of this information.

For more information on the various schemes, see the following:

- [IR-2007-37](#), Fraudulent Telephone Tax Refunds, Abusive Roth IRAs Top Off 2007 "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams
- [IR-2005-136](#), IRS Warns of e-Mail Scam About Tax Refunds
- [TIGTA Computer Security Bulletin](#)
- [TIGTA Report on Phishing](#)
- [Alert on QI Identity Theft](#)

To Report Fraud

For other than phishing schemes, you may report the fraudulent misuse of the IRS name, logo, forms or other IRS property by calling the TIGTA toll-free hotline at 1-800-366-4484 or visiting the [TIGTA Web site](#).

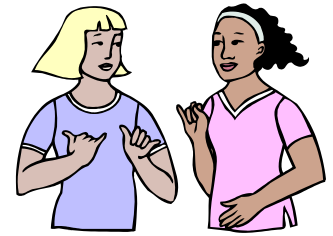
Other Federal Resources

For more information on understanding and preventing identity theft and suspicious e-mails (phishing), or dealing with their aftermath, check out the following federal resources:

- [Department of the Treasury's identity theft resource page](#)
- Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) [consumer Web site](#)
- FTC's [OnGuardOnLine](#) Web site
- [Firstgov](#)
- [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#)

HAVE FUN LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE THIS SUMMER

at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Exposure to sign language can be beneficial for children *with or without hearing loss* -- improving their language skills, motor skills and appreciation for another language and culture. Plus, it's a lot of fun! This summer, take part in an activity that **you and your child can enjoy together** and sign up today for a summer sign language class at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

<p>Wee Sign Too! Baby Sign Class</p> <p>Tuesdays, June 24 – July 29 9:30 to 10:00 AM</p> <p>Learn to communicate with your baby <i>before</i> he or she can speak with this sign language class designed specifically for hearing children up to 18 months old and their parents or caregivers. Give your child a head start on language development through this fun and interactive class.</p> <p>\$25 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p> <p><i>The book Baby Sign Language Basics will be used and can be purchased from CDHH for \$9</i></p>	<p>Toddler Signing Story Time</p> <p>Tuesdays, June 24 – July 29 10:15 to 10:45 AM</p> <p>Toddlers and young children <i>with or without hearing loss</i> will enjoy popular children's stories, such as <u>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</u>, told in sign language. Geared towards children up to 18 months old. No book required.</p> <p>\$25 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p>	<p>Mom & Me Sign Class (Dads welcome too!)</p> <p>Mondays, June 23 – July 28 12:30 – 1:30 PM</p> <p>You and your child ages 4 through 10 can learn American Sign Language (ASL) together in this special class designed to make learning sign language fun. No books necessary – you will learn signs by participating in activities, singing songs and telling stories.</p> <p>\$30 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p>
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All classes will be taught by Tricia Condon, Program Assistant for the CDHH Kellogg Child and Family Program and held
at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
10243 W. National Avenue, West Allis
(between US45/I894 and Highway 100)

Yes! I would like to attend: ☐ **Wee Sign Too!** ☐ **Toddler Signing Story Time** ☐ **Mom & Me Sign Class**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____ E-Mail: _____

Class fee is due with registration. Please make checks payable to CDHH.

Wee Sign Too! (Parent & Child) @ \$25 \$_____ Signing Story Time (Parent & Child) @ \$25 \$_____

Mom & Me Sign Class (Parent & Child) @ \$30 \$_____

Additional parent or child _____ @ \$10 \$_____

(submit additional names on the back)

of books _____ @ \$9 each \$_____

Grand Total	\$ _____
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Class sizes are limited. Register online or return this form with payment to CDHH by June 16, 2008.
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Website: www.cdhh.org



Discover how to communicate in sign language...

Sign up now for CDHH Summer Classes

at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
10243 W. National Avenue, West Allis

ASL I

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:30PM
June 10 through August 12

If you've been curious about American Sign Language, here's your chance to learn basic vocabulary, use of expression and finger spelling. Plus you'll be introduced to Deaf culture.

The text *Learning American Sign Language* is recommended. It is available from CDHH for \$54.

A limited number of copies are available for rental for the semester for \$20. Books must be returned in good condition.

ASL II

Mondays, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
June 9 through August 11

If you have completed a beginning sign course at CDHH or elsewhere, this class is for you. You will develop vocabulary and basic conversation skills, and learn more about how to interact with Deaf adults.

The text *Learning American Sign Language* is recommended. It is available from CDHH for \$54.

A limited number of copies are available for rental for the semester for \$20. Books must be returned in good condition.

COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS IN SIGN

Tuesday evenings, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
June 10 – July 29

This sign language class is for *parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, babysitters* and *any adult* who needs to communicate in sign language with a young child. The focus is on vocabulary and basic sign language communication used in the day-to-day lives of deaf and hard of hearing infants/toddlers and their families. Your instructor, Tricia Condon, is deaf and has extensive experience working with deaf and hard of hearing children as the Program Assistant for the Kellogg Child and Family Program at CDHH.

Fee: \$55 (\$45 for each additional family member)

✂️ -----
☐ **Yes!** I would like to attend summer sign classes at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____ E-Mail: _____

Class Name	Fee	Total
ASL I	\$85 per student / \$54 for book	\$
ASL II	\$85 per student / \$54 for book (same as used in ASL I)	\$
Communicating with Kids in Sign*	\$55.00 for 1 st family member / \$45.00 for each add person *Book: <i>Signing for Kids</i> - \$12.00 each	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ALL CLASS ATTENDEES ON BACK.

Class size is limited. All registrations must be received at least one week before start of class.

Please call 414-604-2200 (Voice) to register by phone or return this form with payment to:
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